#### REMARKS

# A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of the Amendments

Prior to the submission of this paper, claims 1-13 were pending. In this paper, Applicant has requested the cancellation of claims 6 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer. When these amendments have been entered, the claims under examination will be claims 1-5 and 7-12.

The January 12, 2006 Office Action objected to claims 3, 5, 6, and 10 for various minor informalities. Applicant responds as follows:

- (1) Claim 1: The Office Action stated that "it is unclear to the examiner if the shortest distance is drawn from the perimeter of the first recess to either the center or perimeter of the second recess" [January 12, 2006 Office Action, page 2]. Here, Applicant has amended claim 3 to recite, *inter alia*, "the shortest distance between the perimeter of a first recess and the perimeter of a nearest recess."
- (2) Claim 5: The word "folds" has been replaced by the word "times", as suggested by the Office Action.
- (3) Claim 6: This claim has been cancelled, rendering the objection moot.
- (4) Claim 10: The phrase "the display surface" has been replaced by "a display surface", thereby providing sufficient antecedent basis.

On the basis of these remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 3, 5, 6, and 10.

Additionally, claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,767,105 to Nakahashi ("Nakahashi"). Claims 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 05139098 A to

Kawasaki ("Kawasaki"). Claims 2 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over Nakahashi.

The Office Action indicated that claims 3 and 6-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this paper, elements of claim 6 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 11. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and corresponding dependent claims 2-5 and 7-10 are now allowable. Similarly, claim 11 and corresponding dependent claim 12 are believed to be allowable. On the basis of these amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 set forth in the January 13, 2006 Office Action.

Finally, the preamble of claims 2-5, 7, and 8 have been amended to be consistent with independent claim 1, and minor grammatical errors have been corrected in claim 3 and 7.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-5155. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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